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# Snow stormed!



**HARRY ROSETTANI** Special to The Times

Volunteer firefighters from Central Station spent Saturday morning clearing snow from the sidewalk on the Central Avenue Bridge. The firefighters volunteered their time and their own shovels and snowblowers to clear the snow to ensure safety for pedestrians crossing the bridge. The firefighters encourage the rest of the community to work together to help clear snow from sidewalks. See page 5 for the full story.

## Citizens speak out on library and theatre costs

More than 75  
people  
attended a  
public meeting  
Monday

**Sarah Ferguson**  
Fort Erie Times

Fort Erie residents have been given a chance to have their say about whether or not the Town of Fort Erie should kick in \$3.7 million to fund a shared library and theatre for the town's future high school.

About 30 residents, which included children, high school students, and adults from arts and culture groups and others, shared their views on the proposed projects with council during a public meeting on Monday night. More than 75 people crammed into the council chamber to attend the meeting.

The Ministry of Education has committed more than \$20 million to build Greater Fort Erie Secondary School. The facility, which will welcome about 750 students, will open in September 2017 on Garrison Road, across from the Town of Fort Erie.

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# School board is asking town to commit \$3.7 million

From Page 1

The District School Board of Niagara has asked the municipality to commit \$3.7 million to fund both projects. The DSNB is asking for \$3 million to build a state-of-the-art theatre and \$650,000 for a shared library.

Councillors will make a decision as to whether or not the Town will fund

both projects during its council meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 17.

If council decides to provide the funding, the DSNB requires the money by 2017.

Redeop said there are a variety of options to alleviate the burden on taxpayers. These options include applying for grants and fundraising.

Some residents, such as Fort Erie Secondary

School student Dalton Bird, supported the construction of a new theatre because it would teach students about creativity and foster self confidence in students.

Having participated in the drama department at FESS, Bird said his education in the arts has helped him to overcome "many fears" such as stage fright and speaking in front of large crowds.

"After attending drama class in a big auditorium, it has opened myself up and I am able to speak in front of many people today."

Doreen Venturini, owner of Peacock School of Dance, said her dance company has been renting the auditorium at Lakeshore Catholic High School in Port Colborne to hold annual recitals for more than 30 years.

"Peacock has been waiting for more than 30 years to come back home," Venturini said.

Having a local venue would not only allow the dance school to host its recitals in town, but it would promote Fort Erie as "an arts community."

According to Venturini, the dance school's annual event draws between 1,200 to 1,600 people and could help stimulate the economy by generating rental fees for the Town and increase business for stores, hotels and restaurants.

She said Peacock School of Dance "is here to pledge its efforts to fund-raise for the theatre."

One resident believed the money for both projects could be raised and she thanked the DSNB for considering to build a new high school in Fort Erie.

Building a new school is something the school board hasn't done "in more than 45 years."

Other residents such as former Ward 3 Coun. Bob Steckley were critical of both projects.

Steckley said Fort Erie already has three libraries and doesn't require a fourth one.

"There's a big difference between want and need," Steckley said.

He questioned councillors about what would happen if enough money couldn't be raised in time to complete both projects.

"What if we don't raise the funds needed? Where will this money come from? It will have to come from the taxpayers and we can't afford this."

Steckley said raising property taxes to make up the rest of the money is not the answer.

"I am a business man and I have to live within my means. I can't just put my prices up when I want new things," Steckley said. "I have to sell my products at prices people can afford and are willing to pay for them. You may want a new library, but we don't need a new library. We can't afford a new library."

Steckley urged councillors to consider residents

who are already struggling to make ends meet.

"You have to take into account the ability of the taxpayer to pay. I can see the benefit of a theatre but not at the expense of the taxpayer and not at the location of the high school."

Former councillor Ann-Marie Noyes questioned when a new library and theatre "became a priority for Fort Erie."

Noyes said she didn't doubt there are many "passionate people" who would be willing to organize fundraisers to pay for the projects but "fundraising gets old fast."

She cited failed fundraising projects such as the Kinsmen Pool and War of 1812 bicentennial projects as examples.

NickBoothbyexpressed his frustration about the deadline council must abide by.

"Where does the board of education get off by telling us that we've got to make a decision so quickly?" he asked councillors. "The school can quite easily be built and over the course of that time, we can work together to add to it (a library and state-of-the-art theatre)."

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# Nicholson 'grateful' for foreign affairs nod

Ray Spiteri  
QMI Agency Niagara

Niagara Falls MP Rob Nicholson, one of Prime Minister Stephen Harper's go-to politicians, has yet another cabinet post to put on his lengthy resume.

Nicholson, a senior member of the federal Conservative government, was named minister of foreign affairs on Monday, replacing John Baird who quit cabinet last week.

Nicholson had been national defence minister since July 2013.

Prior to that, he served as justice minister and attorney general of Canada for six years.

"I really appreciate the level of responsibility the prime minister has given me," Nicholson told QMI Agency Niagara after the announcement.

As part of the cabinet shuffle, Calgary MP Jason Kenney moves from his job as employment minister to become defence minister, while Ottawa-area MP Pierre Poilievre was promoted from his job as minister of state to become the new employment minister. "I'm very humbled to represent the people of Niagara Falls and to represent Canada on the world stage -- it's a tremendous honour," said Nicholson.

"I am grateful to the prime minister for asking me to take on this new responsibility."

Nicholson said he's also grateful to the staff at National Defence, as well as every one involved in Canada's Armed Forces, who have "treated me so well for the last year and a half."

"It was a very moving experience."

While defence minister, Canada joined the fight against ISIS. He travelled around the world to speak with global dignitaries and was also involved in the effort to provide more funding and support to combat the Ebola outbreak in Africa.

He takes over the foreign affairs portfolio with several pressing items on the agenda, including negotiations to release a jailed Canadian journalist in Egypt and the hostilities between Russia and the Ukraine.

Nicholson said his time spent in national defence has prepared him well for his new job.

"I believe it's a great fit." In a statement, Harper said the cabinet changes will "help ensure that key portfolios continue to have the strong leadership to advance Canadian priorities."

"Our government is delivering real results for Canadians by growing the economy, making communities safer, and standing up for Canadian values at home and abroad," he said in the statement.



REUTERS

Canada's Defence Minister and Niagara Falls MP Rob Nicholson speaks during Question Period in the House of Commons on Monday. Nicholson said he will run in the next federal election, scheduled for Oct. 19, 2015.

The cabinet shuffle wasn't the only major news to come out of Parliament Hill on Monday.

Conservative MP Eve Adams announced she's leaving the government

benches and will join Justin Trudeau's Liberals.

Electing for the first time in 2011 in the riding of Mississauga-Brampton South, Adams denounced several Conservative poli-

cies in a press conference Monday morning.

"The party no longer shares my values," Adams said. "In the Conservative Party, it really has been the politics of division."

Adams would not have been able to run for the Conservatives this fall after running afoul of party rules in a nomination fight in Oakville.

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# Cultivating a passion for the arts

➤ Sanctuary Centre for the Arts to expand with new location in downtown Bridgeburg

Sarah Ferguson  
Fort Erie Times

Bringing a new arts centre is only just the beginning of the resurgence of downtown Bridgeburg. Jason Pizzicarola predicts to "see some progress" in the revitalization of the downtown core as early

as this spring when a new community hub opens.

Known as the Bell Tower Sanctuary, the former church on the corner of Dufferin St. and Central Ave. is modeled after and operated by the Sanctuary Centre for the Arts.

The Sanctuary Centre for the Arts, at 255 Ridge Rd., was founded in 2010 and was the first arts centre of its kind in Fort Erie. The facility offers live entertainment, fitness classes, a children's theatre company and a place for artists to showcase their work.

"I think now is the time to expand the Sanctuary in Fort Erie," Pizzicarola said. "It is good timing because there's going to be a Central Avenue bridge, there's new business owners, and the downtown area is being refurbished."



SARAH FERGUSON Fort Erie Times

From left, Nadine Pizzicarola, with volunteer Mandy Cosby, Mikah Pizzicarola and Jason Pizzicarola stand on the steps of the Bell Tower Sanctuary on the corner of Central Ave. and Dufferin St. The Pizzicarolas founded the Sanctuary Centre for the Arts in Ridgeway in 2010, and want to expand operations in downtown Bridgeburg.

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By expanding the Sanctuary to Bridgeburg, Pizzicarola said it will encourage more business growth and encourage residents to visit downtown.

"It's hard to say how long it will take to see a resurgence. I can't say for sure exactly how long it will take, but I don't think it is too far off," he said.

The Sanctuary was an important part of the revitalization of downtown Ridgeway.

"It (the Sanctuary) worked well in Ridgeway and became a hub of activity for the community," Pizzicarola said.

It also draws people from across Niagara, Hamilton, Toronto and even parts of western New York.

Many musicians are drawn to the refurbished church because of its intimate setting.

"We have bands that call us up from bigger cities like Toronto that want to come play here because we have

a venue that doesn't exist anywhere else."

The Bell Tower will host its first concert in the spring, but Pizzicarola will "spruce up the building" before it's officially opened to the public.

"There are a lot of historical elements that we would like to preserve," Pizzicarola said. "There's the stained glass windows, wood work and a fireplace we will preserve. We just want to give the space a more modern feel and bring it into the now."

Pizzicarola would like to see the Bell Tower offer a variety of programs such as culinary classes for both adults and children, wine making, drama, dance and music.

At 15,000 square feet, the Bell Tower is significantly bigger than the Sanctuary which has about 7,000 square feet.

More space means more opportunities to offer different types of programs

and activities.

"We would also like to offer athletic programs. We have a large gym space downstairs and we would like to use it," Pizzicarola said.

"We also have the potential for businesses to rent out spaces."

The possibilities in the new facility are endless which is why Pizzicarola is asking residents to contact him to let him know what they would like to see offered at the Bell Tower.

Pizzicarola is also asking anyone who is interested in hosting an event or a program to contact him.

Pizzicarola can be reached by e-mail at the-sanctuaryarts@gmail.com.

For more information about the Bell Tower visit online at [www.belltower-sanctuary.com](http://www.belltower-sanctuary.com).

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# '...We should all work together'

Sarah Ferguson  
Fort Erie Times

Fort Erie's volunteer firefighters weren't called to extinguish a fire this past weekend.

But Mother Nature kept them busy battling Fort Erie's snowbanks.

Concerned about the large amount of snow blocking the sidewalks on the Central Avenue Bridge, volunteer firefighters from Central Station and their families used their own shovels and snowblowers and gave up their time to clear the snow on the bridge Saturday morning so pedestrians could cross it safely.

Volunteer firefighter Robert Puttick said he and a few other volunteers were concerned about safety when they noticed children and adults walking along the bridge's roadway because they couldn't access the sidewalk because it was covered in snow.

"I sent an e-mail to see how many firefighters we could get," Puttick said.

The volunteer firefighters arrived at the bridge and spent almost three hours clearing the sidewalk of snow.

"This is the first time we've done something like this," Puttick said. "Firefighters don't just fight fires. They do other things. We don't want to see anybody hurt and the last thing we want to do is have to jump into a fire truck because someone got hit because they couldn't walk on the sidewalk."

Puttick, who works for the Town's roads department said staff "are so overwhelmed with the snow."

"We are so far behind because we've had so much of it this past weekend."

The Town's crews are doing the best they can, but it's difficult to keep up, Puttick said.

The Town has plowed the sidewalks on the bridge several times but it's an "uphill battle."

"(Central Avenue) is a regional road so the Region is responsible for plowing the roads," Puttick said. "After the Town plows the sidewalk, the Region will plow the road and the snow will end up on the sidewalk. It freezes and compacts itself."

Puttick said the Central Avenue bridge is supposed to be renovated this year and he's hoping to see a barrier put in

place to block snow from covering the sidewalk next winter.

There is an agreement between the Region and the municipality.

Even though Central Avenue is a Regional road, Kelly Walsh, manager of the engineering division at Town of Fort Erie, said it's the Town of Fort Erie's responsibility to plow the sidewalk.

Walsh said the Town is responsible for plowing the town's "key sidewalks" that "primarily lead to schools" and other high traffic areas but the Town doesn't provide snow removal for many of the municipality's sidewalks.

"We don't have a bylaw that forces you to clear your sidewalk," Walsh said.

This winter, Walsh said crews have been "in full force, but it's difficult" to keep up with the constant snow fall.

"We've had a lot of snow this winter. We had the late November storm which really whacked us. December and January weren't too bad but we've been hit hard this past week."

Walsh is encouraging residents to be "good citizens" and clear the sidewalks in front of their homes.

Puttick also encourages residents to help clear the snow.

"Everyone should look out for each other," Puttick said. "It's a safety concern when the sidewalks are clogged with snow. It impacts elders, the young and even mail carriers who go door to door and walk through all of that snow."

When the snow fall is heavy, Puttick said it's up to everyone to help clear the snow.

"It would be so helpful if everyone got out and shovelled the sidewalk in front of their houses," he said.

"We are a community and we should all help each other and work together."

Sandy Annunziata, Fort Erie's regional representative, said it's important for the Town of Fort Erie and Niagara Region to work together and improve communication.

He said he will work with the Region to come up with a solution to ensure pedestrians' safety while walking along the Central Avenue Bridge.

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## Do You Remember?

Does anyone remember singing: "The 24th of May is the Queen's birthday. If we don't get a holiday, we'll all run away?"

Although no one called in about last week's photo, it showed up by coincidence in Centennial '79: The Story of a School, by C.W. Davies.

This book celebrated the 100th

anniversary of Garrison Road School (which must have been the "Bertie S.S. No. 4 in the sign they were holding).

Unfortunately there was no caption, so we don't know anyone in the photo.

We did find out that Queen Victoria's birthday was celebrated as a holiday from about 1854

on and was officially declared 'Victoria Day' upon her death in 1901.

Isn't it amazing how a person had to be hooked up to an early computer? If you recognize anyone in this photo please call the Fort Erie Historical Museum at 905-884-5322 or e-mail us at museum@forterie.on.ca.

# 'Think big' when it comes to the size of a moose

Moose, the largest member of the deer family, stands at its shoulder six to six and a half feet tall.

It can weigh up to 1800 pounds—the equivalent of 820 kilograms.

It is a big animal. It bears the largest set of antlers.

We are told that these antlers represent mineral deposits of calcium and phosphorus and are solid extensions of its skeleton.

Moose antlers are paired structures and shaped like the palm of your hand with outstretched fingers.

Our Canadian Yukon holds the record set of moose antlers.

Think big.

Antlers are deciduous.



**Earl Plato**  
When Nature Calls

Deciduous?

Yes.

Like leaves of a tree, they are shed annually.

Unlike horns found on cattle, sheep and goats whose horns grow continuously throughout their lives, moose don't.

The Timmerman CD goes on.

True antlers or racks are found only on the male moose. When fully formed moose antlers are hard bone-like structures displaying varying forms of branching.

Do I like the moose?

My wife bought a good painting of the head of a bull moose.

It has hung on our living room wall for years. No question.

The rack of a prime bull moose imparts a sense of majesty and strength.

I have never forgotten the magnificent form of that great bull moose in Muskoka those many years ago.

Further research says that moose's growing ant-

lers are tender.

Fragile and sensitive to touch. They easily bleed when wounded and may cause pain if damaged or broken.

Time is the essence.

By late August, the bull moose's antlers have grown to full size and have become fully ossified.

Bone strong!

By early September the velvet coating on the antlers is removed by rubbing its antlers on shrubs and trees. I am told that a moose's thrashing contact with sap, resins and bark often produces a dark brown colour found on hardened antlers.

What good are a bull moose's rack?

I think you know. Antlers may be used to intimidate or threaten a rival bull.

Why? He wants to gain possession of a chosen cow during the annual rut or mating season.

The "rut" usually begins in mid-September. The antler display of a larger bull is sufficient to frighten away a weaker bull. However.

What about a bull moose meeting a human during the mating season?

My retired Pastor Dan Nickless told me of a close call while hunting moose up north.

Dan used a bow and arrow to hunt. Suddenly a bull moose confronted him.

It charged with his lethal

rack lowered. Thank goodness it was in a grove of many young trees.

The moose could not plough its way through the tight formation.

Did Dan shoot the charging moose?

I don't know.

Would I shoot a moose? Of course.

With my trusty camera with its great zoom lens I would do my best to capture a 'Rick Doan' shot.

Any moose stories you would like to share?

E-mail me at plato1@cogeco.ca or write me at P.O.Box 983 Ridgeway ON L0S1N0.

Earl Plato is a resident of Fort Erie, local historian and nature lover.

# Opinion page

## Learn about Fort Erie's role in the struggle for equality

Do you know the connection between the The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) and the Town of Greater Port Erie?

On Wednesday, Feb. 25, the Fort Erie Public Library will welcome Leslie Harper of Niagara Bound Tours to share the significance of our community in the history of the United States Civil Rights Movement, and in the struggle for equality in Canada, as well.

As the founder of Niagara Bound Tours, Harper has extensive experience conducting both lectures and tours throughout the Niagara region relating to the Underground Railroad and civil rights.

As a fifth generation Canadian descendant of a fugitive slave from Kentucky, she has a personal interest in the history of fugitive slaves who came to Canada, in particular, to the Niagara area.

There are many books and resources in the library collection on the topics of slavery and the Underground Railroad.

On Wednesday, Feb. 18,



**Amy Roebuck**  
Fort Erie Public Library

Mike Daigle of the Bridgeburg Gentleman's Shoppe will be at the Centennial branch to demonstrate the correct way to shave for men.

Men should bring their own shaving gear, including a razor, two hand towels, a shaving brush, mug and a bowl of hot water.

Women are also invited to attend. There is no charge for this program.

Tonight at the Centennial branch, we will be screening the film *The Best of Me*.

Based on the bestselling novel by acclaimed author Nicholas Sparks, the movie tells the story of Dawson and Amanda, two former high school sweethearts

who find themselves reunited after 20 years apart, when they return to the small town for the funeral of a beloved friend.

This book and all of Nicholas Sparks' works are available in the library collection, and the movie will be encased at the Crystal Ridge branch on Tuesday, Feb. 17 at 2 p.m.

There are lots of fun movies for kids during the week ahead, including *Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Rodrick Rules* at the Centennial branch on Friday at 2:30 p.m., the original *Night at the Museum* on Saturday at 2:30 p.m. at the Centennial branch and next Wednesday at 3:30 p.m. at the Crystal Ridge branch, and *Madagascar* next Saturday, Feb. 21, at 2:30 p.m. at the Centennial branch.

Teens and adults now have two new evening opportunities to gather with other avid readers, to enjoy books and discuss them.

The Speculative Fiction Café meets at the Crystal Ridge branch at 7 p.m. on the second Thursday of each month, including tonight, to read and talk about fantasy,

science fiction, and horror titles with moderator Derek Clendenning.

The Wordly Reader Book Group meets at the Centennial branch on the third Tuesday of each month at 7, with leader Sean Fleming.

Tech Help is available on Tuesday, Feb. 17, and on the first and third Tuesday of every month, beginning at 2 p.m. at the Centennial branch. Adults are welcome to bring any devices such as e-readers or tablets, to get help from our systems administrator in an individual or small group setting.

Monday, Feb. 16 is Family Day in the Province of Ontario, and all branches of the library will be closed.

The web site [www.fepl.ca](http://www.fepl.ca) is always open for browsing and placing holds, for online research, and for using Overdrive for e-books and Zinio for online magazines. All you need is a valid library card. Book drops will be open for the return of items.

**Amy Roebuck is the Community Services Coordinator at the Fort Erie Public Library.**



Many people escaped slavery in the U.S. and made their way to freedom in Canada, in particular to the Niagara region, via the Underground Railroad.

## Smokers 'need a plan' if they want to successfully quit the habit

Are you or is someone you know thinking about quitting smoking?

There's no magic bullet, but there is help.

As the smoke cessation counselor at Bridges Community Health Centre, I've been trained to help people quit smoking, and I also have first hand experience of what it takes to quit.

I know your success depends on a number of things and that some planning can make a big difference. After all, quitting smoking isn't a one time event. It's a habit that is tightly intertwined with your daily life. In fact, it's part of your identity. Taking the time to develop a plan can help you make the change to becoming a non-smoker.

The two part workshop we offer at Bridges CHC is



**Rhonda Barron**  
Bridges Community Health Centre

focused on helping smokers develop a personal quit plan. I start by asking people to think about the benefits of smoking. Yes, the benefits. People smoke for a reason. It's important to understand what those reasons are. It's equally important to understand the personal benefits of quitting. Ultimately the campaign to quit has to be stronger than

the campaign to smoke.

A lot of people find the physical addiction is easier to overcome than the act of smoking.

Depending on how long and how much a person has smoked, this might equate into hundreds of thousands of repetitions so you can expect it to take some time for your brain to adjust to it's new life.

One of the benefits of our smoke cessation program is that eligible participants can receive up to 26 weeks of free nicotine replacement therapy (NRT) i.e. nicotine patch, gum, inhaler or lozenge thanks to a partnership we have with the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health.

NRT helps you manage your physical withdrawals by delivering nicotine to your body than slowly taper-

ing you off. You don't have to enroll in the STOP study to participate in the workshop. But it's an option.

There are pharmacological options to consider as well. Varenicline, also known as Champix, blocks your brain from experiencing the pleasure of smoking. Zyban tricks your brain into thinking that the pleasure of smoking is happening even though it's not. And finally, there's cold turkey which still tends to be the method of choice for most people. You need to speak with your physician, nurse practitioner or pharmacist to access these options. You can also enroll in an online study to access Champix or Zyban at no cost if you are eligible - [www.matschudy.ca](http://www.matschudy.ca).

Because smoking is a part of your life, it's important to understand what triggers

you to smoke and to develop strategies for managing those triggers once you quit.

Some cigarettes may be easier to give up than others so it's important to have a variety of strategies you can use.

Almost everyone says stress is the most difficult trigger. People definitely site it as the most common cause for relapse.

However it's important to understand that smoking doesn't actually lessen your stress levels. It only fulfills your brain's craving for nicotine. Your actual stress remains unchanged.

It may be helpful to think about cravings as your brain having temper tantrums when it has been without nicotine for too long. It will take some time to discipline your brain so be patient with

yourself.

I once heard a physician make a comparison between quitting smoking and getting a divorce. I think it makes for an excellent analogy.

If you are thinking of quitting smoking, try thinking of it as ending an abusive relationship, one that keeps you staying for all the wrong reasons. It may be hard to make a change, but once you do, you may wonder what took you so long.

Bridges Community Health Centre offers smoke cessation workshops the second and third Tuesday of most months. For more information, or to register, call 905-871-7621 ext. 2226.

**Rhonda Barron is a health promoter for Bridges Community Health Centre Fort Erie.**

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## From the gardener's journal: 'sweeten up' your meals

Ruth Vold Markle  
Special to The Times

Late last night I opened the front door and thought perhaps I had moved to our cottage near North Bay when I wasn't looking.

This has been a quieter week because of the winter storms and the flu that keeps circling.

Nothing stops us in the green house and what a pleasure to walk in from the frigid and white cold to blooming hibiscus and ivies and other thriving plants.

It does not look promising for growth outside but that interval clock in the plants has begun and we are seeing lots of growth now. What was dormant for a few weeks has begun again.

If only we can prevent Mickey and Minnie mouse from eating their fill of the new growth.

These little varmints don't trouble with the herbs and I am thankful for that.

Maybe one solution is to place herbs around the perimeter and so discourage the 'mouse traffic'—a thought for the coming growing season when we begin the seeds in earnest.

No matter where you are it seems, there is a striving, if you like, to keep growth alive.

Whether it is in a greenhouse or home space or even in your mind and body during the dormant season of winter—the striving to stay positive and on top of it' continues.

We spoke last week of herbs that suited the palate for salt free cooking. It is nice to use some options and know that healthy alternatives are tasteful as well. This week we will concentrate on 'the sweet side'.

These 'sweetness enhancers' can be used alone or in combination with traditional sweeteners. For instance, cardamom adds extra sweetness to cakes and cookies and a pinch of cinnamon will sweeten tomato sauce.

So here are some suggestions:

- Angelica stems to salads
- Beecham in beverages
- Mint in sparkling waters
- Lemon balm and lemon verbena in frozen desserts
- Violet and rose in condiments
- Vanilla (just a drop) in savory sauces
- Rosemary in fruit salads, fruit compotes and fruit tarts.

I am quite sure you have more of your own suggestions to add to this list.

I was thinking it would be nice to add colour and a little sparkle in this winter world with these edible flowers:

- Carnations
- Chive blossoms
- Calendula
- Daylily
- English Daisy
- Geranium
- Lavender
- Mint flower
- Nasturtium
- Pansy
- Snapdragon
- Squash blossoms (nice in stuffing, frying)
- Violet

A little bit of colour will go a long way in this season. I hope you are able to find a few blooms along the way!

When I look out into our yard and bush beyond I see blooms of a feathered kind in the cardinals that use our feeders and the woodpeckers that are not as visible but more audible.

I also have a few bunnies and one deer that frequent the yard to eat what they can glean from the shrubs closest to the bush. Even my two dogs are struggling in the deep snow to get to the fence and keep this wild life away... wildlife one, the puppies zero in the snow this week.

If you are able to see the sky clearly at night this coming week you might be able to see Venus, Mars, Jupiter and Saturn. The blessing of a cold clear sky in winter is the visibility of these planets. Mars will meet Venus from Feb. 19 to 21, then the crescent moon will join this low conjunction on Feb. 20.

I do hope we are able to see this unusual formation that evening because Mars will vanish into the sun's lights in March. All this to keep us looking up in the winter.

The good news is by the end of the month our length of day increases to almost 12 hours of light so we will know for sure we have come to the beginning of a new season.

And we can in confidence begin planting those early seeds indoors to be ready for the warmer ground and air to come.

Nice thought to come. Keep safe, keep warm and have fun whenever you can. It won't be long until we are growing outside in earnest.

Until next week, keep growing,

Ruth Vold Markle is a member of the Fort Erie Horticulture Club.



# Learn the 'right way' to shave

**Sarah Ferguson**  
Fort Erie Times

Knowing how to shave properly "can literally shave years off of your face."

"A lot of those cartridge razors that men use these days are designed to lift and pull and that's why it sucks to shave," according to Mike Daigle, owner of the Bridgeburg Gentleman's Shop.

The biggest mistake a person can make is his or her choice of shaving cream.

"There is a variety of shaving creams," Daigle said. "Not everyone's skin is the same."

The second mistake, according to Daigle, is using today's cartridge razors with up to five or six blades.

"Not everyone's skin can handle that many blades sliding back and forth," he said.

That's why Daigle switched from using a cartridge razor to an old fashioned straight razor. Since he began using a straight razor about a year ago, Daigle said he's watched the "aggravated redness disappear from (his) neck." Because he makes his own lather instead of using shaving cream from a can, Daigle said the appearance of his skin has improved.

"I'm 47 years old and my face has never looked better. It's because of the way I shave."

Daigle said he decided to open his own business because he wanted to share

his passion for shaving.

"Every man should love shaving. I don't think it takes any more time to shave with a straight razor than it does with a cartridge razor and it only takes about 30 second to whip up my own lather," Daigle said.

"I get a closer shave and it grows in more even. With a cartridge razor, you are lifting and pulling the skin and you never get an even shave."

The key to a great shave is to learn about the contours of your face.

"The biggest secret about shaving is that you actually have to touch your face to shave it. Everyone is differ-

**Who:** Mike Daigle

**What:** Daigle will present The Right Way to Shave

**When:** Wednesday Feb. 18 from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

**Where:** The Fort Erie Public Library's Centennial Branch, 136 Gilmore Rd., Fort Erie.

ent. Some people have acne, scars and other issues," Daigle said.

"When a barber gives a shave, he touches your face and he pulls gently on the skin to help the blade reach certain places."

Daigle is inviting men to attend his presentation, The Right Way to Shave, at the Fort Erie Public Library's Centennial branch, on Feb.



**SARAH FERGUSON** Fort Erie Times

Mike Daigle will teach Fort Erie residents how to properly shave during a free workshop at the Fort Erie Public Library on Feb. 18.

attend his presentation, The Right Way to Shave, at the Fort Erie Public Library's Centennial branch, on Feb.

18 from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. The presentation is free but participants must pre-register and a bowl wrapped

with a couple of small hand towels.

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about the concepts of rights and what it means to have them.

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If you would like to learn more about the Niagara Region Sexual Assault Centre and their many programs they deliver, including CAPP, please call (905) 682-7256 or visit [sexualassaultniagara.org](http://sexualassaultniagara.org).

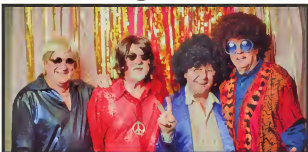


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## WHAT'S GROWING IN NIAGARA

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### BOWL FOR KIDS SAKE!

Date: various dates

Description: Bowl for Kids Sake isn't about being a good bowler. It's about having a good time and raising money for a good cause. All the money raised at these events across Niagara supports traditional Big Brothers Big Sisters programming along with in-School mentoring. This annual event is the largest and most important fundraising campaign for Big Brothers Big Sisters.

For more information: St. Catharines (905) 648-3230, Niagara Falls (905) 367-5454, South Niagara (905) 736-0576

### WOMEN & WELLNESS

Date: Thursday February 19, Old Italia, Niagara Falls

Description: The 5th annual educational fundraising event is hosted by the Niagara Branch of the Canadian Mental Health Association. Roma Maynard, former Editor-in-Chief of *Crystalline* describes her victory over chronic depression. Funds raised support CMHA Niagara Walk-In Counselling Service.

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# Murder mystery and fundraiser to benefit Eva's Voice of Angels

Sarah Ferguson  
Fort Erie Times

Hollywood's greatest entertainers will appear in Fort Erie for one night only. They will feast, they will laugh and they will solve a murder.

This year, Eva's Voice of Angels founder Cassandra Harrietha said the charity will host a murder mystery dinner party on Saturday, April 18 at the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 230 in Ridgeway.

"We're doing a murder mystery—celebrity edition. When people purchase their tickets, they'll be assigned a random celebrity that they will have to come dressed up as."

Expected guests include actresses Marilyn Monroe and Audrey Hepburn as well as rocker Elvis Presley.

"It's our biggest fundraiser of the year," Harrietha said.

Now in its fourth year, Eva's Voice of Angels has raised more than \$10,000 for McMaster Children's Hospital. The charity also gives a scholarship to a graduating high school student in financial need that is pursuing post secondary education. Eva's Voice of Angels also sponsors the Family Laundry Bed program at McMaster Children's Hospital. Each time a child is poked and prodded because of a cancer treatment, he or she receives a bead to encourage them and give them hope.

Harrietha began the charity as a way to honour her grandmother, Eva Pyke, who lost her battle with ovarian cancer.

"I think if she (Eva Pyke) knew what I have accomplished (with Eva's Voice of Angels) I think she would be proud of me," Harrietha said.

Tickets to the murder mystery are \$15 and must be purchased in advance. The murder mystery will begin at 6:30 p.m. Afterward, the doors will open to the public at 9 p.m. Festivities will include a live performance from Gully Pleasures along with prizes, raffles and more.

If people would like to attend the event after the murder mystery, admission is \$10 per person.

If individuals or business owners are interested in donating prizes to be raffled during the event, Harrietha encourages them to call her at 289-697-3433.

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Eva's Voice of Angels founder Cassandra Harrietha.



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# Taking advantage of a diving loonie

Ray Spiteri  
QMI Agency Niagara

As the value of the Canadian dollar continues to drop, the smiles on the faces of officials in Niagara's tourism and shopping industries continues to grow wider.

"It's a great time for us to encourage our tourism industry and our cross-border partnerships," said Jeremy Meyerink, a policy analyst with the Greater Niagara Chamber of Commerce.

"A low dollar just means more revenue coming our way from the States. It means more of our residents staying in Niagara and spending their money here, and more U.S. residents coming to Canada."

Last Thursday, one Canadian dollar was worth 80 U.S. cents, around the lowest level in almost six years.

Dolores Fabiano, executive director for the Niagara Falls, Welland/Pelham and Port Colborne/Wainfleet chamber of commerces, said the low Canadian dol-

lar provides an opportunity for Niagara to "really get Americans to come back to our area."

"We've got so many great additions since the last time many of them were here, including great shopping," said Fabiano.

"The one thing we lack is the aggressive marketing campaign the Americans are so good at, so we have to take advantage of the opportunity here."

She said it's also good for U.S. investment in Niagara. "It benefits exporters the most right now. It's not great for all areas, but for exporters, it's a great time to invest."

The current situation brings the Greater Niagara chamber's 1 Less Trip initiative — launched in 2013 to inform Niagara residents about the benefits one less trip across the border could have on the region's economy — more into focus.

According to the campaign, Erie County across the Niagara River saw its sales tax revenues hit a record high in 2011, with \$401-million collected.

Officials there pointed to Canadian cross-border shoppers as a major cause.

Among the campaign's other points when it launched were that for every \$100 spent locally, \$70 goes back into the community. With the annual average of \$72 spent per person on four same-day cross-border trips, making one less trip would mean a \$126 million investment in Niagara's economy. That includes money redirected to wages, local taxes and buying materials and supplies.

"We have some pretty clear evidence that as the Canadian dollar rises and falls, so does the incidence of cross-border shopping," said Rick Woodward, marketing director with the Pen Centre shopping complex in St. Catharines.

Woodward said the mall conducts a survey of about 2,000 customers each year asking them if they shop across the border. He said the percentage who respond yes tends to correspond with a higher Canadian dollar.

"There's no doubt an 80-cent dollar will impact

people's decision to cross-border shop and there's a direct correlation between the amount of money generated in a community and how it relates to jobs and employment in that community."

Woodward said he understands Niagara residents crossing the border to shop dine and be entertained is part of the region's "culture."

"We just want them to appreciate the economies of scale behind this, and to consider going one less time. We're not saying don't go."

Woodward said he hasn't yet seen an upswing in customers at the Pen Centre as the Canadian dollar declines.

"It's a slow pendulum swing to see actual ramifications of a fluctuating dollar, but if you follow the trend (of the survey), I suspect when we do it again this spring, we will see a certain drop (in the percentage of cross-border shoppers)."

Niagara Falls Tourism Chairman Wayne Johnson said a low Canadian dollar

"opens up all kinds of doors for us."

He said at one time, 65% of visitors to Niagara Falls came from the United States. But after the 9/11 terror attacks and the implementation of passport requirements, U.S. visitation plummeted, which Thomson said at one point was below 20%.

He said Niagara has always had to deal with cross-border shopping issues, especially Canadians flocking to the outlet mall in Niagara Falls, N.Y. to find unique and less expensive items.

But as the Canadian dollar plummets, so too does the number of Ontario licence plates in U.S. shopping centre parking lots, said Thomson.

"I see it myself. I frequent a restaurant over there for the last 50 years and I monitor the situation and the outlet mall over there, the parking is reduced by probably 50%," said Thomson.

"I wouldn't say we're now on a level playing field, but people are realizing that with 20% on the dollar,

maybe it's worth going to the outlet mall on this side."

He said U.S. bound traffic on the NEXUS-only Whirlpool Bridge and the Rainbow Bridge has been cut "substantially."

As for U.S. visitation to Niagara Falls, Ont., Thomson said while "we're nowhere near the glory days of 65%," Americans now represent "probably 30% or more of the millions of tourists that come to the Honeymoon Capital each year."

"I can tell personally because I come into the tourist area every day and I look at the licence plates and I see plates from states I had never seen before — California, Florida, Indiana."

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# Cadet headed to the U.K. to compete in competition

Annie Pasquariello  
Special to The Times

While many teenagers are uncertain how they will be spending their summer vacation, Jalen Czuba will be heading to the United Kingdom to represent Canada on his marksmanship skills.

Czuba, 16, a student at Fort Erie Secondary School and member of the Fort Erie Army Cadets will be headed to Bisley, U.K., this summer as part of the Royal Canadian Army National Rifle Team. With cadets from all over Canada, Czuba and his teammates will spend five weeks in Nepean, ON., participating in competitions.

Czuba is ranked third in Canada for marksmanship. His commanding officer, Lt. Timothy Reilly explains training for cadets and marksmanship is based on sports shooting and is similar to what we see in the Olympics.

"I couldn't be more proud of him representing Canada in uniform," Reilly says.

Among Czuba's many awards and accolades he shares his proudest competition moment in the summer of 2014 in which he was in sixth place, but the next day had a perfect score, bumping him up to third place.

"It can be nerve-racking when you know you have one shot left, but it becomes easier and easier," he says. "I'm excited for the experience and spending time with people I know. I'm only nervous for the competition."



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Jalen Czuba, 16, member of the Fort Erie Army Cadets, will be heading to Bisley, U.K., this summer to represent Canada as part of the Royal Canadian Army National Rifle Team.

Reilly says Czuba will continue training until he leaves for Bisley and this is his time to shine.

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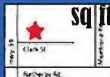
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# Niagara Region budget set to be finalized Feb. 19

**Rob Houle**

**QMI Agency Niagara**

An attempt to deal with outstanding budget issues didn't fly at Niagara Region council last Thursday night.

The items—including the Niagara Regional Police budget—were left over when the budget review committee of the whole meeting on Jan. 29 went into overtime before hitting an 11 p.m. curfew.

Budget review committee chair David Barrick, the regional councillor for Port Colborne, tried to have those remaining items addressed last Thursday night, but his plan went off the rails when Niagara Falls regional Coun. Selma Volpatti moved to have three items deferred to the corporate services committee.

Two were punted back to

corporate services, after being deferred from there to the budget committee. The issue of councillors' pay and tax-free status on a portion of their pay was expected to be discussed during Wednesday's corporate services committee meeting.

The other item deferred to corporate services is confidential. After some confusion regarding the vote to deal with the budget items as proposed by Barrick, a frustrated Tim Rigby said he didn't want any of the budget items discussed Thursday night.

Instead, he asked that they be deferred, as was agreed to at the Jan. 29 budget review meeting, to a special meeting on Feb. 19.

"I did not attend the meeting (Jan. 29), so I'm

really behind the eight-ball on this," the regional councillor from St. Catharines said.

"And I did not get this (minutes of the budget review meeting) until this afternoon, apparently, and I haven't had time to read this thing, so I move to defer the whole damn thing until the next meeting."

Rigby's request was

brushed aside by Chair Alan Caslin, who tried to get Barrick's motion back on track.

The attempt hit a brick wall just before NRP Chief Jeff McGuire was to give a presentation on the police budget, when St. Catharines regional Coun. Bruce Timms asked that the presentation be deferred.

"I would like to defer lis-

tening to the chief until the chair of the police board is here, until the vice-chair of the police board is here," Timms said.

While the balance of the budget items were later deferred to Feb. 19 following a motion from Fort Erie Mayor Wayne Reddick, council did manage to whittle the list of outstanding items down to six from

seven, that being the setting of fees and charges for programs and services, such as tipping fees at landfills and water service connections.

Homeowners are looking at a 1.92% increase on the Region portion of their property tax bills. If council gives final approval, it would mean an extra \$27.50 in taxes on a home assessed at \$236,000.

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## Niagara Region's \$228M debt means 'solid' AA credit rating

**Rob Houle**

**QMI Agency Niagara**

To some people, \$228 million looks like a staggering amount of debt.

But when you have \$7 billion in assets, it's no big deal, municipal leaders say.

Credit rating agency Standard and Poor's recently gave Niagara Region a AA rating for its level of debt, which at the end of 2013 stood at \$228 million.

It's not a huge amount, said corporate services commissioner Mo Lewis.

"We have \$7 billion worth of assets," he said. "So that \$228 million ... in relation to a value in assets of \$7 billion, is showing we are pretty responsible with our debt."

Lewis said the rating was based on 2013 financials provided to Standard and Poor's, because those from 2014 are still being worked on.

Lewis said the "solid" rat-

ing allows the Region to borrow money at a lower interest rate.

During recent budget presentations, it was noted Niagara's debt at the end of 2014 stood at \$263 million, with unissued debt totalling another \$152 million.

Unissued debt is that which is approved by regional council but has not yet been borrowed to pay for infrastructure projects, such as new Niagara Regional Police headquarters in Niagara Falls and construction of a Bargeye Bridge replacement in St. Catharines.

Lewis said he doubts the addition of that debt to the outstanding debt would affect the Region's credit rating, since the spending of that money would mean the value of the Region's assets has increased, too.

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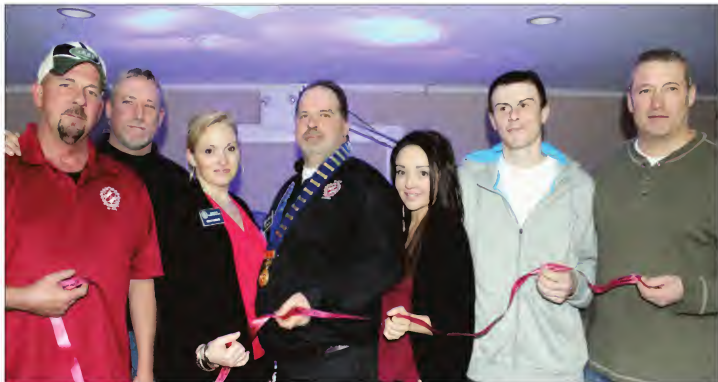
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**SARAH FERGUSON** Fort Erie Times

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An explanation of the Purpose and Effect of the By-law, describing the lands to which the By-law applies may be found below and a key map showing the location of the lands to which the By-law applies is shown above. The complete By-law is available for inspection in the Clerk's office during regular office hours and can also be found on the **Town of Fort Erie Website**: [www.forterie.on.ca](http://www.forterie.on.ca).

### PURPOSE AND EFFECT

The purpose and effect of By-law 20-15 is to amend Town of Fort Erie Comprehensive Zoning By-law No. 129-90 by changing the zoning of lands shown on the location map above from "Waterfront Residential (WR)" Zone and "Hazard (H)" Zone to "Waterfront Residential (WR-513) Zone".

All of the provisions of By-law No. 129-90 as amended related to lands zoned "Waterfront Residential (WR) Zone", shall apply to those lands zoned "Waterfront Residential (WR-513)" except that the minimum setback of the single detached dwelling from the 1:100 year flood elevation as determined by the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority shall be not less than 22.5 metres and the maximum height of the single detached dwelling shall be not more than 10.2 metres.

**DATED AT THE TOWN OF FORT ERIE THIS 12th DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2015**

**TOM MATHER, INTERIM TOWN CLERK**

## THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF FORT ERIE 2015 MUNICIPAL BY-ELECTION

**NOTICE OF NOMINATION FOR OFFICE OF COUNCILLOR, WARD TWO**  
Municipal Elections Act, 1996, as amended

NOTICE is hereby given to the municipal electors of the Town of Fort Erie that commencing January 27, 2015 nominations may be made for Councillor Ward 2 (1 to be elected) by filing the prescribed nomination papers and nomination fee at Town Hall.

A nomination form and a declaration of qualification signed by the candidate must be filed with the Clerk in person or by an agent from January 27, 2015 to February 12, 2015, Monday to Friday, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. or on **Nomination Day, February 13, 2015, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.** The prescribed nomination filing fee of \$100 must accompany the nomination form. The fee is payable in cash, by debit card, certified cheque or money order made payable to the Town of Fort Erie. The nomination form must be certified by the Clerk before any person becomes a certified candidate for the office.

A candidate must have registered by filing the nomination form and fee before expending any funds on a campaign or accepting any contributions.

All reasonable efforts will be made to ensure that candidates and electors with disabilities are able to receive information and election documents in a format that takes into account their disability. The format may be agreed upon between the requester and the Interim Clerk.

Please direct all enquiries to the Interim Clerk/Returning Officer. Further information and forms are available on the Town's website at [www.town.forterie.on.ca](http://www.town.forterie.on.ca)

DATED AT FORT ERIE this 27th day of January, 2015.

Tom Mather, CMM III,  
Interim Clerk/Returning Officer  
Town of Fort Erie  
905-871-1600, Ext. 2202  
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## Ticked off



SARAH FERGUSON Fort Erie Times

The public can support Jeff and Mandy Wilson (left), who are battling Lyme Disease, by purchasing tickets to a fundraiser which will be held on Feb. 28. The event will be held from 6:30 p.m. to 11 p.m. at the Crystal Ridge Community Centre and will feature a silent auction, cash bar, food and entertainment. Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased at Downtown Dollar and Discount in Ridgeway. Store owners Isabel Przybylski and Vivianne Cooney are also accepting donations for the Wilsons. The funds will support the Wilsons as they seek treatment in the U.S.

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**Bouquet for elegant decorations**  
A bouquet for the person, or people, responsible for the placement of the elegant holiday wreaths on the Bridgeburg lamp posts. They were a boost for the heart and soul of Fort Erie.

**Brick for uncaring Individuals**  
A brick for those who don't visit their friends and family living in a nursing home. It can be a very lonely place. Perhaps, if we put the shoe on the other foot, these people might take the time to realize how important it is to remember our older family members. A bouquet for those people that do visit their family and friends who living in a nursing home. The residents may not be able to express how they feel, but know how much they

appreciate your visits.  
**Bouquet for a kind woman**  
A bouquet for the very kind lady who stopped her car on the street by the Beachcombers Seniors Centre and got out to help me when I tripped and fell on the sidewalk.  
**Brick for needless spending**

A Brick for the idea of burdening the taxpayers of Fort Erie with the potential of a 10 to 15% tax increase to provide the services of a fourth library which cannot be justified and a theater that is only supported by special interest groups. Who will benefit most by a \$3.7 million dollar contribution other than the school board? These falls are so far down the list of what this town needs to spend money on that they don't even appear on the list. Give your heads a shake. Fundraising is not the answer in a town of "Have Nots."

**Bouquet for a great neighbours**  
A bouquet for the best neighbours ever. My sump pump quit on me the other night and my neighbour came right over to install another one. They are always willing to help out when needed and they are the nicest ones anyone could hope to have! Thank you so much to my wonderful neighbours!

Send your bricks & bouquets to:  
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## Rating 'continues to demonstrate the importance of regional council and staff working together'

### From Page 19

Region Chair Alan Caslin and chief administrative officer Harry Schlange touted the AA rating in a press release.

"The affirmation of our AA credit rating is welcome news for Niagara Region," Caslin

said.

"Council's priority is economic prosperity and we have put measures in place to aggressively advance that goal for Niagara's future. This rating sends a strong message to investors, businesses and

residents that Niagara is ready and able to deliver on our commitments."

The release said highlights of the Standard and Poor's report point to some challenges facing Niagara, including a weaker labour

market, slow recovery in manufacturing and modest population growth, which will constrain the Region's financial flexibility compared with that of other municipalities.

"This rating continues to

demonstrate the importance of regional council and staff working together to manage our business plans and budget," Schlange said.

"We are well positioned to invest in the programs and services required to build a

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1. Work with Seniors
2. Work with Youth
3. Historical Contribution
4. Cultural (Arts, Music, etc.)
5. Protecting the Environment
6. Education
7. Sports and Recreation
8. Working with those "in need"
9. Service Clubs
10. Working with those with Special Needs
11. Volunteers under 21
12. Community Events
13. Working with Animals

In addition to the 13 categories listed, if you wish to submit a new category for recognition please submit the category and we will give it consideration to be added to the list. All names submitted must include a letter of supporting information stating why your nominee should win. Nominations will be gathered by the Fort Erie Times to be forwarded to the selection committee. One volunteer in each category will be selected to be honoured by the Fort Erie Times at a special ceremony and will be profiled in the Fort Erie Times.

### VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION AWARDS NOMINATION FORM

**I wish to nominate:**

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Category #: \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Submitted by: (and phone #) \_\_\_\_\_

1. Complete the nomination form along with a brief note outlining the nominee's contributions by FRIDAY, MARCH 13, 2015.
2. MAIL, EMAIL OR DROP OFF your nominations to The Fort Erie Times, 338 Central Ave, Fort Erie, Ontario L2A 3T6 or email [ngr.robertson@sunmedia.ca](mailto:ngr.robertson@sunmedia.ca)
3. Selected volunteers must agree to appear in a special feature story or another nominee will be selected.
4. Nominations are limited to people who live in the Town of Greater Fort Erie Area.

## Party time



ROYAL CANAOIAN LEGION BRANCH 230 Special to the Times

A sellout crowd enjoyed the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 230's annual Robbie Burns party at the end of January. The event featured Highland Dancers from the Audrey Watkins School of Highland Dance, as well as pipes and drums from various local bands, and Haggis.

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# Hubbert: Meteors 'deserved better'

**Sarah Ferguson**  
Fort Erie Times

Alek Panov scored the winning goal for the Thorold Blackhawks and led his team to a 2-1 victory over the Fort Erie Meteors Saturday night.

"It was a quiet game with a lot of back and forth," head coach Rob Hubbert said about Saturday's Greater Ontario Junior Hockey League Golden Horseshoe Conference action at the Fort Erie Leisureplex.

Daniel Volpatti scored the only goal for the Meteors 3:38 in the first period. A hooking penalty on Mitchell Mendonca

gave the Meteors a chance to score on the power play. Dan DeFranco assisted Volpatti.

"We were winning 1-0 until the third period. We had a couple of breakdowns which gave Thorold a chance to come back," Hubbert said.

Scott Dorion scored for the Blackhawks 9:48 in the third period. Panov sealed the victory for the Blackhawks 16:23 into the third period.

Tyler Sehevic, Greg Christmas, David Dagostino and Nick Giancola picked up assists.

The Meteors excelled on the penalty kill and did not

give up a single goal in four chances.

Mackenzie Savard made 27 saves for the Meteors on 29 shots while Josh Astorino rejected 22 of 23 shots on the Blackhawks' net.

Both teams recorded 18 minutes in penalty time with five infractions.

After Saturday's game Fort Erie and Thorold sat sixth and seventh place respectively in the Golden Horseshoe Conference. The Meteors have recorded 13 wins and 23 losses for a total of 33 points while the Blackhawks stood with a record of 13 wins and 25 losses for a total of 30 points.

"During Saturday's game, I thought we deserved a better fate. I thought it was going to be a four-point weekend but we got two points," Hubbert said.

The Meteors defeated the Niagara Falls Canucks 3-2 Friday night at the Gale Centre.

"We got two points when we won the game against the Canucks and the guys were high about that," Hubbert said.

But Hubbert was "disappointed" when Canucks head coach Frank Pietrangolo said he felt the Meteors went after his skilled players early in the game, leading to an unnecessarily physical battle that took away from the talent on the ice.

"We said it heading into the game that they (the Meteors) like to play that way - they like to play dirty and get under your skin," Pietrangolo said. "But there's no need for that.

That's not our game - we don't play that way - and I don't think that's what this league should be about."

"We are not a dirty hockey team," Hubbert said about the Meteors.

"Looking back at that hockey game, (the Canucks) had a five-minute penalty for a major check to the head. That's a dirty play. We came to play and we capitalized on this moment and quite frankly, our goalie was better than their goalie."

With the regular hockey season winding down, Hubbert is happy with the Meteors' performance.

"Obviously no one in our camp predicted we were going to finish first," Hubbert said. "I've been coaching hockey for 15 years. These are the hardest working kids I've ever seen. They work hard every single night. They bring their sticks, their gloves, their skates and their hel-

metts and they come ready to work."

The Meteors have shown their dedication and continue to work hard on the ice.

"I appreciate our guys because nobody gave them a chance. We were picked to finish the season in last place and I think our guys have done a good job."

Hubbert said the Meteors will continue to work hard over the course of the next few weeks.

"These next five or six games are important for the playoffs. We need to tone up. We'll roll the dice to see who we play and we'll have a game plan."

Fort Erie played at Ancaster on Thursday at 7:30 p.m. Results were not available before press time. The Meteors will host Caledonia Saturday at 7:15 p.m.

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Gary Pooler has been named head coach of the Ridgeway Crystal Beach Blue Devils for upcoming football season. Pooler (right) wants to ensure the Blue Devils' football tradition continues at Greater Fort Erie Secondary School when it opens in September 2017.

## Keeping the RCBHS 'football tradition alive'

Sarah Ferguson  
Fort Erie Times

Gary Pooler has big shoes to fill when he takes over as head coach of the Ridgeway Crystal Beach Blue Devils next season.

Pooler will step in for the team's beloved coach, Calvin Nigh, who died of a heart attack in October. "I'm honoured to be asked to do this," Pooler said. "I never imagined that down the road, I would be asked to be head coach of the RCBHS Blue Devils."

Although training for the 2015 season won't begin until spring, Pooler wants to ensure that the Cal Nigh Memorial Trophy remains with the Blue Devils.

Last season, the Blue Devils managed to overcome their grief following the loss of their coach and beat the Beausville Bucs 30-7 to finish their regular season. One week later, the Blue Devils scored a last-minute touchdown to record a 7-0 semifinal victory over the South Lincoln Bears and qualified to play in the championship game.

In November, the Blue Devils defeated the previously unbeaten Thorold Golden Eagles 10-17 to capture the 2014 Niagara senior A football championship. It was exactly 44 years to the day from when the Blue Devils last won a football championship, and defeated Welland High Vocational 14-12.

"It really was something out of a

movie (when the Blue Devils defeated the Golden Eagles in November). I was at that game 44 years ago when we won. (The championship game against Welland) had the same atmosphere," Pooler said. "We didn't start out this last season as a good team. We had to win three games to win that championship."

According to Pooler the Blue Devils learned a valuable lesson when they took the championship title last season.

"They learned when tragedy strikes, they could continue on, work hard, and they won that victory on their own," Pooler said. "They became men when they lost their coach."

Pooler would like to continue to build a strong tradition of football at RCBHS which he hopes will carry over to Greater Fort Erie Secondary School when it opens in September 2017. He's taking advantage of the excitement surrounding the Blue Devils' recent victory to recruit new players.

"We are starting a junior football program with the future in mind for Grade 9 and 10 students," Pooler said.

"Because of the championship last year and the new school, a lot of people have expressed an interest in playing. They want to win a championship ring."

The Blue Devils haven't had a junior football program since 1973. Pooler said a training camp will be held in May and incoming Grade 9

students will be invited to train in the basic fundamentals of the game.

"I'm hoping the football coach at the new high school will hit the ground running. We want to turn over the keys to the new head coach (in 2017 when the new high school opens) and keep the Cal Nigh Trophy here."

Pooler said he wouldn't want to coach with "any other guys" except offensive coordinator Nick Woehl, defensive coordinators Mike Beck and Kyle Conway, along with assistant coaches Dave Harrington, Gary Pallard and Jake Leashey.

Dave Sauer will also join the coaching staff this year.

"I think the final Blue Devils football season at RCBHS has a great team of guys coaching the team. With the exception of one coach, we are all RCBHS grads. We are all proud of the team."

Before the season arrives, Pooler said he is seeking sponsors to support the Blue Devils.

"Our team needs sponsors to help us buy equipment, pay for travel expenses to and from games, jerseys and renting the locker room," Pooler said. "Calvin was awesome at that (fundraising). I've got to be able to match his achievements."

For more information about how to support the Blue Devils' upcoming season call Pooler at 905-357-8865.

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## FEBRUARY 12

### VALENTINE'S STORY

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## FEBRUARY 13

### FAMILY FILM

Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Rodrick Rules. Back in middle school after summer vacation, Greg Heffley and his older brother Rodrick must

deal with their parents' misguided attempts to misguide them bond. Fort Erie Public Library Centennial Branch. 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Tickets \$3.

## FEBRUARY 14

### FAMILY FILM

Night at the Museum. A newly recruited night security guard at the Museum of Natural History discovers that an ancient curse causes the animals and exhibits on display to come to life and wreak havoc. Tickets \$3. Fort Erie Public Library Centennial Branch. 2:30

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## FEBRUARY 24

### HARRY POTTER CLUB

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## FEBRUARY 25

### NIAGARA MOVEMENT

For black history month, Lezlie Harper of Niagara Bound Tours visits to talk about the Niagara Movement, (forerunner of the NAACP). Fort Erie Public Library Centennial Branch. 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. **HOMESCHOOL**

Library Club. Join with other home schoolers from the Fort Erie area for fun, educational, and library skill activities. This club coordinates parent-led, group activities for children of all ages. \$2 per child or \$5 per family. Fort Erie Public Library Crystal Ridge Branch. 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

## MARCH 2

## TAX CLINIC

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**BAMFORTH, Maurice** - Passed away on Sunday, February 8th at Crescent Park Lodge, Fort Erie at the age of 80. Beloved husband of Maureen (Bodett) Bamforth and father of Steven, Elizabeth (nee Campbell), David and Tanya. Loved grandfather of Charity, Connor and Troy Bamforth. Survived by his sister Beryl in Dorchester, England. A special thanks to the wonderful caregivers at Crescent Park Lodge for all their kindness over the past few years. A private service will be held for the immediate family at his request. Rest in peace, Maurice. You will always be in our hearts. Arrangements entrusted to **NIAGARA FUNERAL ALTERNATIVES**, 905-894-0120.

**DEBEAU, James Adam (Sr)** - Passed away on Monday February 2nd, at Douglas Memorial Hospital, in his 67th year, after a hard fought battle with cancer and with loved ones at his side. Predeceased by his parents Lawrence & Cecelia (Slate), and his brother Jake. He leaves behind his wife Wendy, sister Audrey and his son Jim Jr. (Tanner) and daughter Jamie. He is also survived by many stepchildren, grandchildren, and step-grandchildren. Jim was born in Glasgow, Scotland and was a lifetime resident of Fort Erie. He was a long time member of Fraternal Order of Eagles and the Legion Branch 71, and he worked at Fleet for over 35 years. A special thanks to Dr. Peter Gleason and the staff at DMH. Jim will be greatly missed. At his request cremation has taken place and interment will be held at a later date, to be announced. Arrangements entrusted to **NIAGARA FUNERAL ALTERNATIVES**, 905-894-0120.

**EDWARDS, Ivy Irene** - Born July 20, 1921 to Charles and Julia Hancock, Ivy passed away at Deer Park Villa Grimsby on February 5, 2015. Ivy married the Late Arthur Edwards on June 8, 1939 and together had a son John (Lesley). Sadly missed by granddaughters Gwyneth (Iag) and Sara (Grag) and great-grandchildren Raven, Christopher, Liam and Taylor. Ivy was one of 7 children that included Eric, Gladys, John, Winifred, Herbert and Hilda. She is also survived by her many nieces, nephews and friends. Ivy was a long-time member of St. Paul's Anglican Church, and resident of Douglas Heights Seniors Centre and involved in the Bingo's and Euchre program. She served on the executive of Harmony Heights Seniors Club for many years. **BENNER FUNERAL SERVICES**, 1105 Benner Ave., Fort Erie entrusted with arrangements. Funeral Services will be held on Thursday, February 12th at 11 am followed by a reception. If so desired, donations to the Ontario Heart and Stroke Foundation or the charity of your choice would be appreciated by the family.

**HOOVER, Phyllis** - Passed away on Friday, February 6th, 2015 at Gilmore Lodge in Fort Erie in her 82 year. Cherished mother of Dianne Putman (late Kenneth) and Darlene Storey (Jerry). Loving grandmother of Scott, Stephanie, Darron, Ryan, Ashley & Brandi and great-grandmother of Michael, Marcus, Lily & Olivia. Predeceased by husbands Herbert Jones and Ross Hoover and her son Dennis Jones and daughter Sandra Kennedy 3 sisters and 2 brothers. Phyllis will be sadly missed by her sister and brothers, Isabelle Crawford, Don Pricey and Arthur Pricey, her nieces, nephews & extended family. **BENNER FUNERAL SERVICES** 1105 Benner Ave. Fort Erie entrusted with arrangements. The family received friends on Sunday, February 8th, from 2-4 and 7-9pm. A celebration of her life was held in the Benner Chapel on Monday at 1pm. Interment to follow at Zion Cemetery in Wexford, Ontario. If so desired donations to the Alzheimer's Association would be appreciated.



**MEISTER, Lothar** - Passed on peacefully on January 30th, 2015 at the St. Catherine's General Hospital at the age of 72. Beloved husband of Brigitte, father Anne (Uli) and Jorg, and grandfather of Sven and Sonja. Lothar is dearly missed. His peaceful and tender presence touched and blessed the lives of all who knew him. We are eternally thankful to have laughed, loved and shared our lives with our beloved Opa. We will cherish his sweet memories and hold him near and dear in our hearts forever. At his request cremation has taken place, and a memorial service will be held at a later date. Arrangements entrusted to **NIAGARA FUNERAL ALTERNATIVES**, 905-894-0120.



**WILKINSON, Gail Francis** - After a courageous struggle Gail passed away at home surrounded by the love of her family on Thursday February 5th, 2015 at the age of 64. Loving wife of Steven. Cherished mother of Donne Wilkinson, Glen Wilkinson and Brian Wilkinson. Proud grandmother of Breanne, Devon, Ty, Mackenzie, Tess, Grace, Claire, Clara and Kate. Beloved great-grandmother of Mackenzie. Fondly remembered by her sisters Barbara Robertson, Karen Beck, Patricia Chaik, mother in law Dorothy, Father-in-law Kenneth, her extended family and many friends. Her canine companions Maggie and Jake will truly miss Gail. **BENNER FUNERAL SERVICES**, 1105 Benner Ave., Fort Erie entrusted with arrangements. The family will receive friends on Friday February 13th, 2015 from 2-4 and 7-9. Funeral Services will be held in the Benner Funeral Chapel on Saturday at 2 pm. If so desired, donations to the Douglas Memorial Hospital Auxiliary would be appreciated by the family.

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He was one of the best.  
He suffered patiently and long,  
His hope was bright, his faith strong.  
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And in His arms he sank to rest.

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In loving memory of our dear son, Christopher.

The heartaches in this world are many,  
But to lose our son was the greatest of any.  
What we all would give to hear him say,  
"My Mom, My Dad" in the same old way.  
To hear his voice and see him smile,  
To sit and chat with him awhile.  
Each time we look at your picture, Christopher,  
You seem to smile and say,  
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